

**Northern District of Iowa Branch of the Historical Society of the United
States Courts in the Eighth Circuit**

**Minutes from meeting on October 31, 2008,
at temporary federal courthouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

Persons Present:	Leonard Strand, President	Ray M. Scheetz, Secretary
	Beth Hansen, Vice President	Richard L. Murphy, Treasurer
	Honorable Linda Reade, Director	Mark A. Roberts
	Honorable Jon S. Scoles	Richard S. Fry
	Webb L. Wassmer	Mark L. Zaiger
	Stephen J. Holtman	Timothy L. Vavricek
	Aaron Shileny	Paula L. Roby
		Jeffrey A. Stone

Business:

1. Meeting called to order by Leonard Strand, President.
2. Minutes from August 22, 2008, meeting approved.
3. Presentation by Mr. David McCartney, Archivist of the University of Iowa libraries.
 - a. discussed collection, preservation, and providing public access to items
 - b. suggested items of public interest: exhibits used in prior trials, oral history interviews of judges, attorneys
 - c. suggested putting collection on 2nd floor or higher
 - d. suggested working with Linn County Historical Society and/or Mt. Mercy College archivist
 - e. Judge McManus has collection of writings with U of Iowa
4. Report on Historical Society's Finances
 - a. \$190.00 in bank
 - b. 19 current members

5. Updates on Possible Society Projects
 - a. Rich Murphy – reported on viewing histories of other federal courthouses on United States GSA website
 - b. Paula Roby – reported on viewing Robert Redford documentary “Incident at Ogallala”
 - c. Webb Wasmer – reported on working on interviews of Judge Melloy and Judge Hansen during their time on bench during farm crisis bankruptcies in late 1980s and early 1990s
 - d. Steve Holtman – discussed interviewing practitioners
 - e. Ray Scheetz – discussed Society making presentations to public regarding Northern District’s prior cases of interest/notoriety
 - f. Members – discussed creating committees on (1) prior interesting cases; (2) buildings; and, (3) judges’ oral histories
6. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned